

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claim 1 is amended for clarity. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 8 are amended to correct typographical errors. Review and consideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledgement and consideration of Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement(s), and for acknowledgement of receipt of the certified priority document.

Applicants respectfully note that the drawings have not been considered by the Examiner. Review and acknowledgement that the drawings are approved by the Examiner are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Manico et al. ("Manico"), U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0236716, and further in view of Alvesalo, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0222899. Applicants traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants' independent claim 1, from which claim 7 depends, is directed to a process of enabling a user at a terminal to generate an automatic layout of a composite multimedia message on at least one page and display the composite multimedia message on the screen of the terminal. The composite multimedia message is formed from a selection, performed by the user from the keyboard of the terminal, of at least one initial multimedia message, and the automatic analysis of the contents of each selected initial multimedia message. The key contents of each selected initial multimedia message are formatted for display and printing on a number of pages as a composite multimedia message, wherein the number of pages is less than or equal to the number of initial multimedia messages selected. The invention therefore optimizes the layout of a composite multimedia message to minimize printing needs, thereby reducing the corresponding printing cost as compared to printing each selected initial multimedia message independently (*see*, for example, the specification at page 4, lines 1-2; page 9, line 25; page 11, lines 17-20; and page 12, lines 3-5).

Manico does not disclose or suggest all the features of claim 1. Manico is directed to a method and a device of providing a user an initial multimedia presentation on a disc along with printed images. The multimedia presentation is prepared by a third party using templates based on theme selections submitted with the images for printing a group by a user. The user has no control over the final formatting of the images in the multimedia presentation, which is a slide show. There is no indication the images are shown as more than one image on a screen or page. There is no indication the slide show is in any format that could be reduced to print. As known in the art, slide shows are intended to be viewed on a display only, and can not be reduced to print in the format of the slide show as seen on the display.

Manico does not disclose or suggest at least selection of at least one initial multimedia message, automatic layout or display of a composite multimedia message on a number of pages less than or equal to the number of initially selected multimedia messages, or automatic analysis of the contents of the at least one selected initial multimedia message. Thus, Manico does not disclose or suggest all the features of the claimed invention as set forth in claims 1 and 7.

Alvesalo does not overcome the deficiencies of Manico. Alvesalo discloses a method and a system for creating a multimedia presentation including, for example, images and text. The user selects a template and contents for the template, correlating the contents to the template. A special editing tool then creates the multimedia show using the templates and corresponding images. Again, this multimedia show is a slide show not formatted to fit on a single page or screen. As set forth in paragraph 25 of Alvesalo, discussing viewing and working with the template:

... it is difficult or even impossible to show the whole template in one screen. So the keyboard of the terminal is preferably used for scrolling the active view of the template.

Thus, Alvesalo does not disclose or suggest all the features of the invention. For example, Alvesalo does not disclose or suggest at least selection of at least one initial multimedia message, automatic layout or display of a composite multimedia message on a number of pages less than or equal to the number of initially selected multimedia messages, or automatic

analysis of the contents of the at least one selected initial multimedia message. Alvesalo therefore does not cure the deficiencies of Manico.

Both Manico and Alvesalo teach formation of a multimedia slide show intended to be seen on a screen or display only. Neither reference teaches, discloses, or suggests at least selection of at least one initial multimedia message, automatic layout or display of a composite multimedia message on a number of pages less than or equal to the number of initially selected multimedia messages, or automatic analysis of the contents of the at least one selected initial multimedia message to create the composite multimedia message. Therefore, neither Manico nor Alvesalo, alone or in any combination, disclose or suggest all the features of the claimed invention. For at least the above reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claims 1 and 7 are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Manico in view of Alvesalo, and further in view of Salmi et al. ("Salmi"), European Patent Application No. EP 1 117 230 A2. Applicants traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, neither Manico nor Alvesalo teach, disclose or suggest at least selection of at least one initial multimedia message, automatic layout or display of a composite multimedia message on a number of pages less than or equal to the number of initially selected multimedia messages, or automatic analysis of the contents of the at least one selected initial multimedia message.

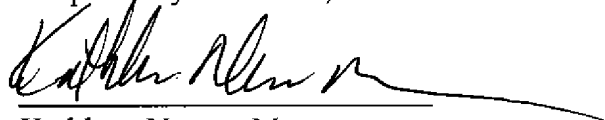
Salmi does not cure the deficiencies of the combination of Manico and Alvesalo. Salmi discloses a method and a system for presenting information from a multimedia message of a first format on a display of a second format so that information is not lost using a presentation model (SMIL) for the message such that information related to a non-displayable component of the message is relayed in another format to the user.

Salmi is directed to information transformation, such that all components of a message will be received between formats. Salmi does not

teach, disclose, or suggest compiling a composite message from two or more selected initial messages. Salmi does not teach, disclose or suggest automatic layout or display of a composite multimedia message on a number of pages less than or equal to the number of initially selected multimedia messages, or automatic analysis of the contents of two or more selected initial multimedia messages to determine what portions of the selected messages are to be displayed in the composite multimedia message. Thus, the combination of Manico, Alvesalo, and Salmi in any combination does not teach, disclose, or suggest all features of the claimed invention. For at least the above reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claims 2-6 and 8-13 are respectfully requested.

All of claims 1-13 being in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons, reconsideration and prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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